

This has to be most stupid backwards idea that the fcc has ever had. For one thing no copy protection is 100% foolproof. It will be hacked and when it is, these content providers will mandate another update, then another and another. Stop the madness! I work in retail electronics store, and i can tell you from first hand experience that macrovision encryption is what hurt the rollout of dvd. It did this because it required the consumer to purchase a rf modulator in addition to the player to connect it to the television. Without macrovision consumers would have been able to use the rf modulator they already owned, i.e. their VCR! This extra hassle caused more than a few consumers to forgo dvd for a couple years till the technology came down in price. Now what lowers prices?, SALES. The more sales the more technology prices drop. Now if you mandate this "broadcast Flag" you will further increase the cost and complexity of any HDTV setup. Not to mention all the exsisting HDTV hardware that has already been sold, will not work. This is a dirty and underhanded work of greedy companies that don't realize the basics of supply and demand. If you have sluggish sales you lower the price, not blame every person who uses a vcr or computer to watch their favorate show. I don't know about the rest of John Q. public but i buy and pay to see every movie that i have ever watched on any device. I also find that content providers seem hellbent on alienating thier consumer base. The RIAA is already doing this. They are suing their customers at every turn they can, this is no way to do business. Anything that i say at this point is probally not going to influence your decision, seeing as how you are "in the back pocket" of these innovation inhibitors. I strongly urge that you vote no on this idea. I already have enough reasons to hate the laws and decisions of my country. Don't give me one more.